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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO CONTROL THE OPERATING

SPEED OF A MANUFACTURING FACILITY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.